

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeff Liguori, Public Member
Nina Pinnock, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Diane Varieur, BCaBA

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Carlson, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Andrea Chair, Ph.D., BCBA-D

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM on a motion by Jeff Liguori and seconded by Nina Pinnock. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the December 15, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jeff Liguori and seconded by Nina Pinnock to accept the Open Session minutes of December 15, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- The regulations and the application for licensure as an Applied Behavior Analyst, or as an Applied Behavior Assistant Analyst, are now available on the RI Department of Health website.
- A notice to various communication channels to reach individuals currently practicing Applied Behavior Analysis, including Psychologists with equivalent experience, will be released by the Department of Health.
 - a. The board reviewed and edited a draft of the announcement to change the wording “new types of professional” as Applied Behavior Analysis and Assistant Analysis are not new professions.
 - b. The board added, “Effective April 1, 2016, pursuant to RIGL 5-86-3, it is illegal for Individuals to practice as Applied Behavior Analysts or as Applied Behavior Assistant Analysts in Rhode Island without appropriate licensure”.
 - c. The board requested that the announcement be sent to the American Psychological Association and the Association for Behavior Analysts International in addition to The Behavior Analyst Certification Board,

school administrators and the School Nurse Teachers Association, as well as a notice in Health Connections newsletter, at BHDDH and DHS networks.

- d. Board members have agreed to share messaging through their networks.

4. New Business

- On a motion from Nina Pinnock and seconded by Jeff Liguori, the board voted unanimously to adopt the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's *Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts*. This compliance code became effective January 1, 2016 and all BACB certificants are required to adhere to it.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Jeff Liguori and seconded by Diane Varieur to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:37 AM. Motion carried.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Nina Pinnock and seconded by Jeff Liguori at 10:17 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 10 and denied 1 applications.

8. Adjournment

The next Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Jeff Liguori and seconded by Diane Varieur to adjourn at 10:19 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions